

## Curriculum Vitae

### Dr. Nakul Kundra

B.A. (Hons. School in English) (Gold Medal)  
 M.A. in English (Panjab University, Chandigarh)  
 M.A. in Education (Specialization: Education Management)  
 PGC in Teaching of English (EFLU, Hyderabad)  
 PGD in Guidance and Counselling (Panjab University, Chandigarh)  
 M.Phil. (English), NET- JRF (UGC) in English  
 PhD in English



Teaching Grammar Communicatively Course (*Sponsored by the USA Department of State with funding provided by the government of America [USA]*). Passed the Course with 97% marks.

**Assistant Prof. & Head/Coordinator, Department of English**  
**Discharging Duties of Deputy Director, Internal Quality Assurance Cell**  
**DAV University, Jalandhar**  
**Nature of Job: Regular**

#### NATIONALITY

- ❖ Indian

#### D.O.B.

- ❖ 18<sup>th</sup> June 1985

#### MARITAL STATUS

- ❖ Married

#### LANGUAGES

- ❖ Fluent English, Hindi and Punjabi

#### PERSONAL

- ❖ A determined, Hardworking, Loyal, God-fearing and Cheerful Person.
- ❖ Interests Include Reading Books and Socializing.
- ❖ Permanent Stiffness in the Left Ankle Joint (Met with a road accident in 2003)
- ❖ Teetotaller, Non-smoker and Lacto-Vegetarian.

#### SKILL SET

- ❖ Soft Skills (Communication, Ability to Work under Pressure, Decision Making, Self-motivation, Conflict Resolution, Leadership, Adaptability, Teamwork and Creativity)
- ❖ Teaching Skills
- ❖ Management Skills

#### CAREER PROJECTIONS

- ❖ Teaching, Administration, and Content-Writing.

**Objective-** Applying for the Job of Assistant Professor (English) Grade-1



#### Contact Details

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**Educational Qualifications-**

<b>Session &amp; Mode of Study</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>Institution/ University</b>	<b>%age/ Marks</b>	<b>Distinction</b>	<b>Division</b>
1997-1998 Regular	8 <sup>th</sup> (Hindi, English, Punjabi, S. St., Science, Math, & Skt.)	Sain Dass A. S. Sr. Sec. School, Jalandhar (Affiliated to Punjab School Education Board)	90.33	State Board Merit.	1 <sup>st</sup>
1999-2000 Regular	10 <sup>th</sup> (Hindi, English, Punjabi, S. St., Science, Math, & Skt.)	Sain Dass A. S. Sr. Sec. School, Jalandhar (Affiliated to Punjab School Education Board)	71.84		1 <sup>st</sup>
July 2003 Regular	12 <sup>th</sup> (Medical- Physics, Chemistry, Biology, English, & Punjabi)	Doaba College, Jalandhar (Affiliated to Punjab School Education Board )	60		1 <sup>st</sup>
2003-04 Regular	B.A. (Hons. School in English) 1 <sup>st</sup> Year	Doaba College, Jalandhar (Affiliated to Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar)	62.5	1 <sup>st</sup> in the University	1 <sup>st</sup>
2004-05 Regular	" 2 <sup>nd</sup> Year	"	64.5	1 <sup>st</sup> in the University	1 <sup>st</sup>
2005-06 Regular	" 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year	"	70.3	1 <sup>st</sup> in the University	1 <sup>st</sup>
2006-07 Regular	M.A. (English) 1 <sup>st</sup> Year	English Department, Panjab University, Chandigarh	61	1 <sup>st</sup> in the Dept. among boys	1 <sup>st</sup>
2007-08 Regular	" 2 <sup>nd</sup> Year	"	63	1 <sup>st</sup> in the Dept. among boys	1 <sup>st</sup>
2008-09  Distance	M. Phil (English)	ICDEOL, H.P. University, Shimla	66	80/100 marks in dissertation & Viva-voce	1 <sup>st</sup>
December, 2009	NET-JRF (UGC) in English	UGC, New Delhi	Qualified		
2010- 15 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2016 Regular (Course Work), Research (Part-time)	PhD (English)	English Department, Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar	126.0 grade points, CGPA 8.40, 74.76%	N.A.	1 <sup>st</sup>
June, 2011	NET (UGC) in English	UGC, New Delhi	Qualified { once again }		
2016 Distance	Post Graduate Certificate in the Teaching of English	EFL University, Hyderabad	Passed with A Grade		
Jan 2017-Dec. 2018 Distance	M.A. in Education (with specialization in Education Management)	IGNOU, New Delhi	73.45	A Grade (80% and above, Qualitative Level: Excellent) in Educational Research	1 <sup>st</sup>
2020-2021 Distance	Post Graduate Diploma in Guidance and Counselling	USOL, Panjab University	77.16		1 <sup>st</sup>

N.A. = not applicable

**Teaching Experience: More than Seven years on the regular basis, besides Two sessions on the lecture basis**

- For two years, I worked as a lecturer in English at G.N.D.U. College (A University College of Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar), Basti Nau, Jalandhar, on lecture basis.

***-“His work and conduct was quite satisfactory during his stay at this college.” (Session:2008-9)***

Dr. Usha Kapoor, Principal, GNDU College, Jalandhar (Mentioned in my experience certificate)

***-“His work and conduct was quite satisfactory during his stay at this college.” (Session:2009-10)***

Dr. Usha Kapoor, Principal, GNDU College, Jalandhar (Mentioned in my experience certificate)

- I was a part of the guest faculty of All India Services Pre-Examination Training Centre, Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar, from 25<sup>th</sup> April 2011 to 15<sup>th</sup> June 2011. I gave coaching for UGC-NET, June 2011.

***-“His work has been highly appreciated by our students.”***

Dr. Jagrup Singh Sekhon, Director, All India Services Examination Training Centre, Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar. (Mentioned in my experience certificate, Dated- 16<sup>th</sup> June 2011)

- While working on my PhD project as a JRF (UGC), I taught M.A.-1<sup>st</sup> (English) students in the Department of English, Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar, from 17<sup>th</sup> August 2011 to 10<sup>th</sup> October 2011.

***-“He is an intelligent and hard working scholar. He bears a good moral character.”***

Dr. Parminder Singh, Professor of English, GNDU, Amritsar  
(Mentioned in an NOC, Dated- 15<sup>th</sup> February 2011)

- I took one year leave from Research Fellowship (UGC) and worked as Assistant Professor of English (On Probation) at ASSM College (A University College of Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar), Mukandpur, from 13<sup>th</sup> October 2011 to 20<sup>th</sup> June 2012.

***- “Mr. Nakul Kundra, who has been working here as Assistant Professor English w. e. f. 13-10-2011, bears a good moral character. His work and conduct is quite satisfactory.”***

Mr. Sanjay Dhawan, Associate Prof. (Math), Officiating Principal, ASSM College, Mukandpur.  
(Mentioned in my experience/character Certificate, Dated- 29<sup>th</sup> March 2012)

- I resigned from Junior Research Fellowship (University Grants Commission) in September/October 2012.
- I have been working as Assistant Professor in English at DAV University, Jalandhar, since 1<sup>st</sup> August 2013.**

### ➤ **Duties at DAV University, Jalandhar:**

#### **Academic Duties:**

The routine curricular and co-curricular duties being discharged by me are as follows:

1. Designing and teaching the following undergraduate, postgraduate (Master of Arts), and PhD (Doctorate of Philosophy) level courses:
  - English Language, Literature, and Literary Theory and Criticism
  - Communication Skills (Theory and Laboratory Practical)
  - Literary Research and its Methodology
2. Preparing and delivering lectures to undergraduate, postgraduate and PhD students.
3. Carrying out research and publishing papers in reputed journals.
4. Setting question papers, examining students, evaluating answer scripts and performing invigilation and other exam related duties in the University exams.
5. Giving counselling and guidance to students.
6. Participating in and contributing to various seminars and programmes held for faculty development and staff training.
7. Providing admission guidance to prospective students.
8. Providing constructive feedback to students on the basis of their academic assessment.
9. Guiding PhD students and supervising their theses for the award of PhD degree.

**I was/have been a part of the following Committees that were constituted by the competent authorities of the University from time to time:**

1. Member, Sub-Committee on Teaching Programmes and Schemes (Visit of University Grants Commission Committee), in 2014.
2. Member, Screening Committee for Shortlisting Applications for Faculty Positions, in 2014.
3. Member, Organizing Committee, Shikshit Bharat, Saksham Bharat- Quality Education (Debate and Discussion), in 2014.
4. Convener, Adv. and Printing Committee, DAV University Entrance Test 2015.
5. Member, Organizing Committee, Three Day Talent Hunt-cum-Cultural Programme, in 2015.
6. Co-Convener of the Cultural Committee (from 10<sup>th</sup> September 2015 to the end of the session).
7. Teacher In-Charge/Coordinator, Thespians (University Drama Club), from 1<sup>st</sup> August 2013 to 1<sup>st</sup> August 2019.
8. Sports Sub-Coordinator (Humanities) in the session 2014-15.
9. Member, Website Content Committee, in 2016.
10. Member, Cultural Committee, Techno Cultural Festival, in 2016.
11. Member, Adv. and Printing Committee, DAV University Entrance Test 2016.
12. Member, Committee to Provide Inputs for the University Website, Annual Report and Proposed Newsletter, in 2016.
13. Coordinator, Department of English, since 25<sup>th</sup> July 2016.
14. Member, Anti Ragging Committee, in 2016.
15. Member, Core Committee, DAVU Admission and Entrance Test 2017.
16. Member, Digital Marketing Committee, in 2017.
17. Member, Discipline Committee, in 2017.

18. Member of the Core Committee, Inspection of B.A. B.Ed. & B.Sc. B.Ed. Integrated Courses, in 2017.
19. Member, Committee for Dealing with 'Lecture Shortage' Cases, in 2017.
20. Member, Monitoring Committee for Newspaper Insertions Drive, in 2017.
21. Coordinator, Short-Term Courses, from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2017 to 24<sup>th</sup> July 2018.
22. Member, Space Committee for the Session 2017-18.
23. Member, Committee to Look into the Issues of Digital Initiatives, in 2018.
24. Member, Committee to Get Publicity Material Designed and Printed, in 2018.
25. Member, Core Committee for Admissions, in 2018.
26. Member, Internal Quality Assurance Cell, in 2018.
27. Member, Committee for Finalizing Canteens/Kiosks/Verka Shop, in 2018.
28. Member, Hostel Committee, in 2018.
29. Member, Academic Calendar Committee, in 2018.
30. Teacher-in-charge, Institutional Values and Best Practices, NAAC, in 2018.
31. Member, Core Committee for Admissions, in 2019.
32. Chief Editor, University Year Book-2018.
33. Member, Organizing Team, Utsav (Inter-University Fest), in 2019.
34. Member, Stage Committee, Foundation Day Function, in 2019.
35. Member, Committee for Finalizing 'Best Student of the Year', in 2019.
36. Member, Committee for Preparing Academic Calendar 2019-20, in 2019.
37. Member, Committee for Finalizing the Proposal for Centre for Competitive Examination Personal and Professional Development, in 2019.
38. Member, Committee for Finalizing Terms & Conditions of the Contracts for Security Services, in 2019.
39. Member, Research Advisory Committee (RAC) of CBM Department, from 2018 onwards.
40. Member, Committee for Scrutiny of Medical Cases/Duty Leave Cases (July-Dec, 2019).
41. Nodal Officer, Equal Opportunity Cell (under the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016), in 2019.
42. Member, Board of Studies, Department of Psychology, in 2018 and 2019.
43. Member, Committee to Plan Examinations (During the Covid 19 Pandemic), in 2020.
44. Member, Committee to Discuss Modalities of Marks to be given to the Students on Account of Attendance (During the Covid 19 Pandemic), in 2020.
45. Member, Committee for Scrutiny of Medical Cases/Duty Leave Cases (Jan.-June, 2020).
46. Examination Incharge (English, Psychology and Journalism & Mass Communication), End Semester Examinations, in August-2020.
47. Member, Committee to Monitor Students' Grievances Related to Examinations and Academics, in Sept. 2020.
48. Chairman, Department Research Advisory Committee, Department of English, 2020-21.
49. Member, Department Research Advisory Committee, Department of Psychology, 2020-21.
50. Member, PhD Committee, 2020.
51. Member of the Core Committee and Incharge of the Bhajan and Cultural Committee, Celebration of Birth Anniversary of Swami Dayanand Saraswati on 12<sup>th</sup> Feb. 2021.
52. Member and Designated Speaker, Committee to Hold Webinars to Promote Admissions, 2021-22.
53. Deputy Director, IQAC, 11 June 2021 onwards.

54. Adviser, Personality Assessment and Development Cell, 2021.

55. Member, Library Committee, 2021.

➤ **Initiatives at DAV University**

- Peer-Learning Project
- Compulsory Library Hours for Students
- Acceptance of Audio and Visual Assignments
- Special Classes to Prepare Students for NTA-NET Exam (English)
- Special Classes to Prepare the Final Year Students for Placement Interviews

➤ **Salary**

Scale of Pay- 15600-39100, GP 6000

➤ **RESEARCH & PUBLICATIONS**

- PhD thesis titled **Construction of Nation and Nationalism in Bankim Chandra Chatterjee's *Anandamath*, Rabindranath Tagore's *Gora*, and Raja Rao's *Kanthapura*** submitted to Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar. The PhD degree was awarded on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2016.
- M.A. (Education) dissertation titled **Students' Perception of an Ideal English Teacher: A Case Study**
- ORC ID 0000-0002-8434-5844
- PhD Research Guidance: 1 Awarded, 1 Near Submission, and 2 Ongoing

(A) **RESEARCH PAPERS/ARTICLES (Published/ Submitted/ To be Submitted Soon)**

(i) **Published/ Accepted**

- My paper "Understanding Nation and Nationalism" has been published by Interdisciplinary Literary Studies: A Journal of Criticism and Theory (**SCOPUS INDEXED**), published by **Pennsylvania State University Press, America**.

[https://www.jstor.org/stable/10.5325/intelitestud.21.2.0125?seq=1#page\\_scan\\_tab\\_contents](https://www.jstor.org/stable/10.5325/intelitestud.21.2.0125?seq=1#page_scan_tab_contents)

- My paper "Politics of Political Representation: Gandhian Nationalism vs. Nehruvian Socialism in Raja Rao's *Kanthapura*" has been published in *South Asian Review* (**SCOPUS INDEXED**), a refereed journal of the South Asian Literary Association (est. 1976), published by **Taylor & Francis (Routledge), USA**.

<https://www.tandfonline.com/eprint/EXMMUQWMSXIUWWYGBDYD/full?target=10.1080/02759527.2021.1965458>

- My paper “Gandhian Nationalism in the Garb of Religion and Dharma: A Study of Raja Rao’s *Kanthapura*” has been published by the IUP Journal of English Studies (**SCOPUS INDEXED**), published by **ICFAI, India**.

[https://iupindia.in/1909/English%20Studies/Gandhian\\_Nationalism.asp](https://iupindia.in/1909/English%20Studies/Gandhian_Nationalism.asp)

- My paper “Non-Parochial Inclusive Nationalism in Rabindranath Tagore’s *Gora*” was published by Forum for World Literature Studies (**SCOPUS INDEXED**), a peer reviewed academic journal sponsored by **Zhejiang University** (China) and co-edited by Professor Nie Zhenzhao of Zhejiang University, Professor Charles Ross of **Purdue University (USA)** and Professor Zhu Zhenwu of **Shanghai Normal University (China)**, in the December 2019 issue.

<http://www.fwls.org/uploads/soft/200424/1-200424231148.pdf>

- My paper “Vaiṣṇava Nation and Militant Nationalism in Bankimacandra Chatterji’s *Ānandamath*, or *The Sacred Brotherhood*” has been published in Journal of Religion and Violence (**SCOPUS INDEXED**), a peer reviewed academic journal published by **Philosophy Documentation Center (USA)** and edited by Professor Margo Kitts of **Hawaii Pacific University (USA)**.

[https://www.pdcnet.org/jrv/content/jrv\\_2021\\_0999\\_4\\_25\\_88](https://www.pdcnet.org/jrv/content/jrv_2021_0999_4_25_88)

- My paper titled “Representation of Women in Anandamath and Gora: Redefining the Female Sphere” was published in **Literary Voice**, a journal published by Prof. T. S. Anand (Canada), in March 2021. (**Journal Listed in the UGC CARE List and indexed with WEB OF SCIENCE: Emerging Sources Citation Index by Clarivate**).

<http://www.literaryvoice.in/LV%20March%202021.pdf>

- My paper “Politics of Fictionalizing History: A Study of Bankim Chandra Chatterjee’s Anandamath” was published in Dialog, a peer-reviewed journal, published by the **Department of English and Cultural Studies, Panjab University, Chandigarh (Journal Listed in the UGC CARE List)** in the 33<sup>rd</sup> issue (Spring/Autumn 2018).

<https://dialog.puchd.ac.in/dialog-33-spring-autumn-2018/>

- My paper “The Mother of the Vaishnav Nation in Bankim Chandra Chatterjee’s *Anandamath*: Construction and Worship” was published by Dibrugarh University Journal of English Studies (DUJES), an annual peer-reviewed journal, published by the **Department of English, Dibrugarh University, Assam, in the 2020 issue (Journal Listed in the UGC CARE List)**.

<https://www.dujes.co.in/p/nakul-kundra-dujesvolume-28-2020-issue.html>

- My paper “Representation of ‘the Others’ in Bankim Chandra Chatterji’s *Anandamath*” was published in *Middle Flight*, a journal published by **S. S. Mahavidyalaya, Mednipur, West Bengal**, in **December 2019 (Journal Listed in the UGC CARE List)**.

<http://ssmahavidyalaya.org/uploadedfiles/news/49f0edcc336fe8f7b7487099e5d1b6dd.pdf>

- My paper “Aravind Adiga’s *The White Tiger* as a Book of Darkness: A Critical Study” was published in **Literary Endeavour (ISSN 0976-299X)**, an International refereed journal of **Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University**, Sub-Campus, Osmanabad, in January 2011.
- My paper titled “Multifaceted ‘Truth’: Representation of India” was published in **MZU Journal of Literature and Cultural Studies**, an annual refereed journal of **Mizoram University**, in 2015.
- My paper “Cacophony of India: A Comparative Study of *The White Tiger* and *Slumdog Millionaire* (Movie and Novel)” was published in the October 2011 issue of **Asian Journal of Literature, Culture And Society (ISSN 1905 - 856X)**, an international peer-reviewed academic periodical of **Assumption University, Bangkok, Thailand**.

## (ii) Submitted/ Under Review/To be Submitted Soon

- My paper “Negating Kanthapura as ‘India in Microcosm’ in Raja Rao’s *Kanthapura*”- Submitted and Under Review (**SCOPUS INDEXED**)

## (iii) Chapter in a Book

- “The Idea of Nation and the Preamble of the Constitution of India: A Study of *Slumdog Millionaire* <sup>(M&N)</sup> and *The White Tiger*” in *Indian Booker Prize Winners: Resounding Researches and Insights*. Edited by Vivekanand Jha and Rajnish Mishra. Delhi: Author Press, 2016. Print. ISBN-13: 978-8172737771.

## (B)

## CONFERENCES/ SEMINARS/ WEBINARS

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- Presented a paper titled “Why do Women Need to go Against the Grain?: A Literary Study” in a UGC sponsored national seminar held at A. S. College, Khanna (18<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> November 2010).
- Presented a paper titled “The Issue of Morality in Vijay Tendulkar’s *Silence! The Court is in Session*” in a UGC sponsored national seminar held at G.H.G. Khalsa College, Gurusar Sadhar (28<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> January 2011).



- Presented a paper titled “An Overview of Modernism and Postmodernism” in a UGC sponsored national seminar held at Govt. Brijindra College, Faridkot (3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> February 2011).
- Presented a paper titled “A Social View of Pre-Marital Conception: A Comparative Study of *Juno & the Paycock* and *Silence! The Court is in Session*” in a UGC sponsored national seminar held at English Dept., Punjabi University, Patiala (17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> February 2011).
- Presented a paper titled “Major Issues in Tagore’s *Gora*” at an International Conference on Tagore, held at the English Department of Chaudhary Charan Singh University, Meerut (7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> April 2011).
- Presented a paper titled “Women in Tagore’s Short Stories: A Selected Study” in a workshop/ seminar and cultural programme in commemoration of 150<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of Tagore, organized by CRRID, Chandigarh in collaboration with North-Zone Tagore Commemoration Committee (NZTCC), Chandigarh (23<sup>rd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> April 2012). The paper was published in the proceedings also.
- Presented a paper titled “Understanding Cross Cultural Interactions” at an international conference on *Cross Cultural Nuances (ICCN-14)* at KMV College, Jalandhar (30<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> October 2014). The paper was published in the proceedings also.
- Presented a paper titled “Subalterns in Nationalist Discourse: A Study of Raja Rao’s *Kanthapura*” in a UGC sponsored national seminar on *The Paradigm of Inequality in India* at B.N.G.N.D.U. College Mithra, Kapurthala (15<sup>th</sup> January 2016). The paper was published in the proceedings also.
- Presented a paper titled “English in the Changing World” in a UGC sponsored national seminar on *Lexico-Grammatical Aspects of English Language and Their Implications on Language Learning and Teaching* at B.N.G.N.D.U. College Mithra, Kapurthala (22<sup>nd</sup> January 2016).
- Presented a paper titled “Culture: A Sociological Perspective” in the 3<sup>rd</sup> DAV National Congress on *Science, Technology, Engineering, Humanities and Management (STEHM-2016)*, organized by DAV Institute of Engineering & Technology, Jalandhar (21<sup>st</sup> May 2016).
- Presented a paper titled “Diasporic Sensibilities in the Poetry of A.K. Ramanujan” at a two-day international conference on *Concerns and Challenges of Diaspora* at HNV College, Jalandhar (27<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> January 2017).
- Presented a paper titled “Success and Happiness for Characters with Disability in Contemporary Indian Cinema: A Selected Study” at an international conference on *Mental Well Being – A State of Mental Health, Its Relation with Education and Society* at DAV University, Jalandhar (6<sup>th</sup> February 2019).
- Chaired a session at a national conference on *Psychological Disorders in Conflicting World* at DAV University, Jalandhar (27<sup>th</sup> February 2020).
- Presented a paper titled “Swami Dayanand Saraswati and the Indian Renaissance” at an international conference on *DAV Movement and Social Transformation* at KRM DAV College, Nakodar (28<sup>th</sup> February 2020). This paper is also published in the conference proceedings.
- Attended a one-day international online seminar on “Effective English Communication Skills in the Digital Era”, organized by Rani Channamma University, Belagavi, Karnataka (31<sup>st</sup> May 2020).
- Attended a webinar on “Text, Textuality and Discourse”, organized by Government Arts and Commerce College, Bharuch, Gujarat (2<sup>nd</sup> June 2020 at 12.00 pm).
- Attended a national webinar on “Effective Transitioning from Traditional (T) Class to Virtual (V) Class Teaching”, organized by Punjab Commerce and Management Association (2<sup>nd</sup> June 2020 from 3.00 pm to 5.00 pm).

- Attended a national webinar on “ICT enabled Teaching, Learning and Evaluation of English Language and Literature”, organized by the Department of English and IQAC, Noble College (A), Machilipatnam (5<sup>th</sup> June 2020).
- Attended a national level webinar on “Paradigm Shift from Offline to Online Teaching”, organized by the Department of Computer Science and IQAC, KRM DAV College, Nakodar (13<sup>th</sup> June 2020).
- Attended a webinar on “Modernism in Indian English Literature”, organized by Kamrup College (Gauhati University) in collaboration with Gogate-Walke College (Mumbai University) and Assam College Librarians' Association (14<sup>th</sup> June 2020).
- Attended a national level webinar on “Effectiveness of Online Teaching Over Offline Teaching”, organized by Jagdish Chandra DAV College, Dasuya (24<sup>th</sup> June 2020).
- Attended a webinar on “Role of E-Learning in Implementation of NEP-2020”, organized by DAV University, Jalandhar (7<sup>th</sup> April 2021).

(C) **NEWS PAPER ARTICLE**

- My article- *Haath Milana To Matr Oppcharikta Hai.*”(Hindi) (Trans.-“Hand-Shaking is mere a Formality”) on Indo-Pak Wagha Border was published in the newspaper ENCOUNTER on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2002.

(D) **BOOK**

- My manuscript of short stories titled *The Whirlpool of Riddles* has been published by **Sahitya Akademi (Ministry of Culture, Government of India), New Delhi.**

➤ **GUEST LECTURES/LECTURES AS A RESOURCE PERSON**

- Invited to deliver guest lectures on “Communication Skills and Personality Development” and “Interview Skills” at **Rayat-Bahra Institute of Management**, Hoshiarpur, on 6<sup>th</sup> October 2015.
- Held a session on Career Counselling and delivered a lecture at **Police DAV School, Jalandhar**, on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2016.
- Held a session on Career Counselling and delivered a lecture at **DAV Public School, BRS Nagar, Ludhiana**, on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2016.
- Invited for interactive sessions/invited talks on-
  - a. “Key Concepts in Business and Technical Communication”
  - b. “Oral Communication Skills to land a Dream Job”
 at Swami Sarvanand Giri **Panjab University Regional Centre**, Hoshiarpur, on 24<sup>th</sup> October 2016.
- Invited to deliver a lecture on “Challenges to Artistic Expression” in a seminar organized by **D. D. Jain Memorial College for Women**, Ludhiana, on 16<sup>th</sup> February 2017.
- Delivered a lecture on “Literary Research” in a one-week faculty development programme (20-26<sup>th</sup> July 2017) on *Modern Methodologies for Teaching and Research* at DAV University, Jalandhar.
- Invited to deliver a lecture for the teachers of **St. Antony’s Convent School, Adampur**, on 16<sup>th</sup> September 17.
- Delivered a lecture on “Interview Skills” at **DAV International School, Amritsar**, on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2017.

- Delivered a lecture on “English Language in Indian Context” at **DAV College, Bathinda**, on 18<sup>th</sup> October 2018.
- Delivered a lecture on “Life Skills” in a one-week faculty development programme on *Personal growth through Competency Enhancement* at **Sant Baba Bhag Singh University, Jalandhar**, on 8<sup>th</sup> July 2019.
- Delivered a lecture on “Examination Stress: Self-Awareness and Management” at **DAV School, Sector-14, Gurgaon**, on 1<sup>st</sup> Feb. 2020.
- Gave a Power Point Presentation on “Communication Skills for Teachers” in a webinar, organized by **Doaba College, Jalandhar**, on 24<sup>th</sup> July 2020.
- Delivered an online lecture on “Literary Research” for the post-graduate students of **Guru Nanak College, Moga**, on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2021.
- Delivered a lecture on “Communication Skills” for the students and faculty at **Dayanand Ayurvedic College, Jalandhar**, on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2021.

#### ➤ **INVITED/APPOINTED AS A SUBJECT EXPERT FOR RECRUITMENT**

- Invited as a subject expert (English) for the selection of staff members at Police DAV School, Jalandhar, on 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> July 2017.
- Invited as a subject expert (English) for the selection of staff members at Sant Baba Bhag Singh University, Padhiana, Jalandhar, on 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2016.
- Invited as a subject expert (English) for the selection of staff members at Police DAV School, Jalandhar, on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2018.
- Invited as a subject expert (English) for the selection of staff members at Police DAV School, Jalandhar, on 13<sup>th</sup> July 2019.

#### ➤ **APPOINTED AS JUDGE IN SAHODAYA INTER-SCHOOL COMPETITION**

- Appointed as a Judge for Sahodaya Inter-School English Debate Competition at Swami Sant Dass Public School, Jalandhar, on 11<sup>th</sup> August 2018.
- Appointed as a Judge for Sahodaya Inter-School English Declamation Competition at Swami Sant Dass Public School, Jalandhar, on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2019.

#### ➤ **APPOINTED AS OSD (NIOS Examinations)**

- Appointed as an OSD (Officer on Special Duty) for the NIOS examinations-2019. National Institute of Open Schooling is an Institution under the Deptt. of School Education and Literacy, Ministry of Human Resources and Development, Government of India. (Vide letter no. F-284-03/2018/NIOS/RC-CHD/Exam/OSD/ 1/ Jalandhar/45000, Dated- 27<sup>th</sup> March 2019).

#### ➤ **APPOINTED AS OBSERVER (IGNOU Examinations)**

- Appointed as an Observer for the Term-End Examinations- December 2019, Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU). Indira Gandhi National Open University is a Central University located at Maidan Garhi, New Delhi, India. (Vide letter no. IG/RCKN/TEE/Dec-19/2019/2454, Dated- 28<sup>th</sup> November 2019).

- Appointed as an Observer for the Term-End Examinations- June 2020, Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU). (Vide letter no. IG/RCKN/TEE/June-20/2020, Dated- 25<sup>th</sup> Sept. 2020).
- Appointed as an Observer for the Term-End Examinations- December 2020, Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU). (Vide letter no. IG/RCKN/TEE/June-20/2020/212, Dated- 9<sup>th</sup> Feb. 2021)

### ➤ **NOMINATED MEMBER**

- Nominated member of Information and Communication Society of Govt. Arts & Sports College, Jalandhar (May 2019).

### ➤ **GENERAL ORIENTATION PROGRAMME**

- Participated in the General Orientation Programme-102 at Human Resource Development Centre (UGC), Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar, from 14<sup>th</sup> June 2017 to 11<sup>th</sup> July 2017 and obtained the highest 'A' grade.

### ➤ **ANNUAL REFRESHER PROGRAMME**

- Pursued Online Refresher Course in English Language Teaching and passed Arpit Examination-2019 with 74% marks.

### ➤ **FACULTY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES**

- Attended a One-week Faculty Development Programme (26<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> July 2016) on "Research Methodology & Tools for Data Analysis" at DAV University, Jalandhar.
- Attended a One-week Faculty Development Programme (20<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> July 2017) on "Modern Methodologies for Teaching and Research" at DAV University, Jalandhar.
- Attended a One-week Faculty Development Programme (22<sup>nd</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> January 2018) on "Psychometric Testing and Behavioral Assessment" at DAV University, Jalandhar.
- Successfully completed the course "Developing Soft Skills and Personality" with a consolidated score of 82% (**Elite Certificate**). This course is equivalent to one-week FDP as per AICTE notification dated 24<sup>th</sup> July 2018 (F. No. AICTE/ RIFD/ FDP through MOOCs/2017-18).
- Successfully completed the course "Body Language: Key to Professional Success" with a consolidated score of 78% (**Elite Certificate with Silver Medal**). This course is equivalent to a half-week FDP as per AICTE notification dated 24<sup>th</sup> July 2018 (F. No. AICTE/ RIFD/ FDP through MOOCs/2017-18).
- Successfully completed the course "Technical English for Engineers" with a consolidated score of 92% (**Course Topper, Gold Medal**). This course is equivalent to one-week FDP as per AICTE notification dated 24<sup>th</sup> July 2018 (F. No. AICTE/ RIFD/ FDP through MOOCs/2017-18).

### ➤ **WORKSHOPS**

- Attended a workshop on *The Art and Science of Scholarly Communication: Writing Better Research Papers* at DAV University, Jalandhar, on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2015.
- As a delegate, participated in a UGC sponsored national seminar-cum-workshop on *Building a Play* at Apeejay College of Fine Arts, Jalandhar, on 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> March 2011.

- Attended a workshop on *The Role of Local Chapters* for the promotion of NPTEL courses, organized by IIT Kanpur on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2018.
- Attended a workshop on *Life without Anger* by Dr. Dean Van Leuven (USA) at DAV University, Jalandhar, on 5<sup>th</sup> February 2019.
- Attended a workshop on *Self-Discipline* by Dr. Shreya Pahwa at DAV University, Jalandhar, on 5<sup>th</sup> February 2019.
- Attended a workshop on *Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction Techniques* by Dr. Hina Chatha (Canada) at DAV University, Jalandhar, on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2019.
- Attended a two-day workshop on *Cine-Politics and Dictatorship: Curating, Archiving, and Reading Filmic Texts of the Emergency* at **Indian Institute of Technology, Ropar (IIT, Ropar), from 19<sup>th</sup> December to 20<sup>th</sup> December 2019.**
- Attended a workshop on *Anger Management* at DAV University, Jalandhar, on 27<sup>th</sup> Feb. 2020.
- Attended an E-learning workshop named “Spring Up!” on Language, Literature and Theory, organized by the Department of English and Cultural Studies, Panjab University, Chandigarh, from 15<sup>th</sup> May 2020 to 21<sup>st</sup> May 2020.
- Attended an E-learning workshop named “In-Depth: An International Five Day E-Learning Workshop on Language, Literature and Theory”, organized by the Department of English and Cultural Studies, Panjab University, Chandigarh, from 6<sup>th</sup> June 2020 to 10<sup>th</sup> June 2020.
- Attended a two-day national workshop on “Interview Skills”, organized by Dr. B.R. Ambedkar **National Institute of Technology (NIT), Jalandhar**, from 15<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> June 2020.

### ➤ **Guest Lectures, Conferences and Workshops Organized**

- Organized Monisha Nayak’s Lecture-demonstration on Kathak (SPIC MACAY) on 8<sup>th</sup> Sept. 2016.
- Organized a one-day workshop on “Creative Writing” by Prof. Rajesh Sharma, Department of English, Punjabi University, Patiala, on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2018.
- Organized a workshop on Drama at DAV University, Jalandhar, from 21<sup>st</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> Dec. 2018.
- Organized a lecture on “Jallianwala Bagh Massacre” by Dr. Parminder Singh (Former Professor and Head, English Department, Guru Nanak Dev University) at DAV University, Jalandhar, on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2019.
- Organized an online lecture on “Cultural Studies” by Dr. Meenu Gupta (Associate Professor, Department of English and Cultural Studies, Panjab University) for the students of DAV University, Jalandhar, during the COVID-19 pandemic. (12<sup>th</sup> May 2020)
- Organized an online lecture on “Why Engineering & Science Students should Read Poetry” by Dr. Paul T. Corrigan (Associate Professor of English, Southeastern University, USA) for the students of DAV University, Jalandhar, during the COVID-19 pandemic. (3<sup>rd</sup> June 2020)
- Organized an online lecture on “Introduction to Literary Theory” by Dr. Sunil Kumar (Assistant Professor of English, Central University of South Bihar, Gaya) for the students of DAV University, Jalandhar, during the COVID-19 pandemic. (18<sup>th</sup> Feb. 2021)

- Organized an international conference on “Changing Paradigms of Individual and Society: Conflicts, Negotiations and Growth” (Online and Offline) at DAV University, Jalandhar, during the COVID-19 pandemic. (31<sup>st</sup> March 2021)
- Organized an online lecture on “Adaptation Theory, Narrative, and the Story Drive” by Dr. Patrick Corbett (Assistant Professor of English, City University of New York System [CUNY], USA) for the students of DAV University, Jalandhar, during the COVID-19 pandemic. (6<sup>th</sup> April 2021)
- Organized an online lecture on “Comparative Literature in India: Discipline and Discourses” by Dr. Mrinmoy Pramanick, Assistant Professor, Department of Comparative Indian Language and Literature, University of Calcutta (Kolkata) for the students of DAV University, Jalandhar, during the COVID-19 pandemic. (11<sup>th</sup> May 2021)

As Coordinator of the Department of English, I have organized many activities. The details are available on the university website at the following links:

#### Session 2016-17

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#### Session 2017-18

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#### Session 2020-21

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### ➤ **SHORT-TERM COURSE**

- Attended a short-term course on “Soft Skills and Academic Communication” at Dr. B.R. Ambedkar **National Institute of Technology (NIT), Jalandhar**, from 5<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> March 2020.

### ➤ **COURSE MATERIALS FOR DISTANCE LEARNERS**

- On the Panel of Resource persons for Jagat Guru Nanak Dev Punjab State Open University, Patiala. Prepared the following six units of the course module titled “Grammar and Composition”:

Unit: Sentence Structures

Unit: Word Classes: Nouns, Pronouns, and Adjectives.

Unit: Verbs and Adverbs

Unit: Prepositions and Linking Words.

Unit: Thanking Someone and Responding to Thanks, Apologizing and Responding to Apology, Making Requests and Responding to Requests.

Unit: Development of Story.

➤ **PAPER SETTER**

- Panjab University, Chandigarh
- Akal University, Talwandi Sabo
- Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education and Research (PGI), Chandigarh
- DAV University, Jalandhar

➤ **RESEARCH PAPER REVIEWER**

- Dialog (Department of English and Cultural Studies, Panjab University, Chandigarh)  
Journal Listed in the UGC CARE List
- The Explicator (Routledge, Taylor & Francis Group)  
Journal Indexed in Scopus

➤ **PHD THESIS EVALUATOR**

- Osmania University, Hyderabad

➤ **BOARD OF STUDIES**

- Member, DAV University, Jalandhar, from 2013 onwards
- Expert, GNA University, Phagwara, in 2020.

➤ **BOOK REVIEWER (Upon Request)**

- Reviewed *Communication Skills* by Rajesh Kumar and Pushp Lata, published by Oxford University Press, at the request of the publication house.

➤ **RADIO INTERVIEW**

- Invited by All India Radio, Jalandhar, for a live programme on “Career in English” on 26<sup>th</sup> October 2017. I talked about the scope of the English language and literature nowadays. I responded to the listeners’ queries also and guided them to opt for academic programmes keeping in view their aptitude and academic interests.

➤ **FREELANCE**

- Interlocutor with Planet EDU for OET (the English language test for healthcare professionals). OET is accepted as a proof of English proficiency for visas, study, registration and employment in the healthcare sector.

➤ **EXTERNAL PRACTICAL EXAMINER**

- Discharged duties as an external practical examiner at I.K. Gujral Punjab Technical University, GNA University and at colleges affiliated with Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar, and IKG Punjab Technical University, Kapurthala.

➤ **NPTEL COURSES**

- Successfully completed the course “Developing Soft Skills and Personality” with a consolidated score of 82% (*Elite Certificate*).
- Successfully completed the course “Speaking Effectively” with a consolidated score of 88%. (*Elite Certificate with Silver Medal*).
- Successfully completed the course “English for Competitive Exams” with a consolidated score of 90%. (*Course Topper, Gold Medal*).
- Successfully completed the course “Body Language: Key to Professional Success” with a consolidated score of 78% (*Elite Certificate with Silver Medal*).
- Successfully completed the course “Technical English for Engineers” with a consolidated score of 92% (*Course Topper, Gold Medal*).

➤ **ONLINE PROFESSIONAL ENGLISH NETWORK (OPEN) COURSE**

- Successfully completed “Teaching Grammar Communicatively” course. This course is provided by World Learning, as part of the Online Professional English Network (OPEN). This program is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State with funding provided by the U.S. government and administered by FHI 360.





### ➤ **SOCIAL ACTIVITIES**

1. Secretary, Youth of Galaxy Club, Jalandhar Police (An initiative of Punjab Police in collaboration with Yorkshire Police), 2002.
- Received a **Commendation Certificate** for “*doing exceptionally good work to foster good police community & to render social service*” from S.P. Rakesh Kaushal (I.P.S).
2. Leader, Traffic Wardens Team (Jalandhar Police), 2001.
- Received a **Class-1 Commendation Certificate** for my “*contribution towards traffic awareness*” from Inspector General Zonal (Jalandhar).
3. Received a **Commendation Certificate** for “*actively participating in a polio immunization camp*” at CHC, Mukandpur, on 19<sup>th</sup> February 2012.
4. *Pledged to donate my eyes (2003).*
5. I regularly *donate blood.*

### ➤ **CO- CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Prize in Short Story Writing in Panjab University Diamond Jubilee Zonal Youth Festival (2007).
- Won Best Team Prize in Inter-College Declamation Contest, organized by Young Speaker’s Club of Snam Dharma College (Lahore), Ambala Cant. (2007).

- Won Over All Trophy in Sood Memorial Paper Reading Contest, organized by Department of English, Punjabi University, Patiala (2007).
- Received a Distinction Certificate from The Literary Society, Department of English, Panjab University, for participation in the annual play *Where There is a Will* (2007).
- Received a Distinction Certificate from The Literary Society, Department of English, Panjab University, for participation in the annual play *The Chairs* (2008).
- Received a Commendation Certificate in recognition of my “exceptionally good work” as a member of The Three Hundred Literary Society, English Department, Panjab University, Chandigarh (2007-08).
- Received a Certificate of Merit for presenting a research proposal titled “Literary Analysis of Characters with Disability in Contemporary Indian Cinema” in Student Research Convention (2008), jointly organized by Association of Indian Universities and Panjab University.
- Won 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize in Short Story Writing competition, organized by Chandigarh Sahitya Akademi (2006).
- Won 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize in Short Story Writing in ‘JHANKAAR’ National Youth Festival (2008).
- Won 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize in Short Story Writing in Panjab University Diamond Jubilee Inter-Zonal Youth festival (2007).
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize in Elocution in University Zonal Youth Festival, Guru Nanak Dev University (2005-06).
- Appreciation award from Rotary Clubs of Jalandhar for participating in mono-acting and securing 3<sup>rd</sup> position (2003).
- Consolation Prize in Essay Writing competition, organized by Traffic Police, Jalandhar (2002).
- Qualified National Religious Studies Competitive Examination and National Sanskrit Competitive Examination conducted by D.A.V. Management Committee, New Delhi (1998-1999).
- An Active Scout during School Days.
  - Received Tritiya Sopan Batch (1997).
  - Participated in the Independence Day celebrations (1999).
  - Received shield from the Governor of Punjab for standing first in the Republic Day parade (2000).
- Participated in One-Act Play in Zonal Youth Festival, Panjab University (2007-08).
- Won 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize in Ad-Mad Competition, organized by the Literary Society of the English Department, Panjab University, Chandigarh (2007-08).
- Participated in K. K. Grover Goodwill Declamation Contest held at the Department of English, Panjab University, Chandigarh (2008).
- Participated in Students’ debate on “Unavoidability of Commercialization of Education,” organized by the Centre for Swami Vivekananda Studies, Panjab University, Chandigarh (2008).
- Attended a Three-day Youth Training Camp at Desh Bhagat Yaadgar Hall, Jalandhar (20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> August 2011).

### ➤ **MEMBERSHIP OF PROFESSIONAL BODY**

- Member of English Language Teachers’ Association of India (REGTD. S. No. 169/74), Chennai. Membership ID: 30016709. Period: From March 2019 to February 2029.

### ➤ **AWARDS/ HONOURS/ COMMENDATION**

- Stood first in BA (Hons. School in English) in Guru Nanak Dev University. Gen. S.F. Rodrigues (Retd.), Panjab Governor and Chancellor of Guru Nanak Dev University conferred Bachelor Degree (Hons. School in English) on me at the 33<sup>rd</sup> convocation of the University. I was **awarded a medal** also.
- Received a **Commendation Certificate** for “*doing exceptionally good work to foster good police community & to render social service*” from S.P. Rakesh Kaushal (I.P.S).
- Received a **Class-1 Commendation Certificate** for my “*contribution towards traffic awareness*” from Inspector General, Zonal (Jalandhar).
- Received a **Commendation Certificate** for “*actively participating in a polio immunization camp*” at CHC, Mukandpur, on 19<sup>th</sup> February 2012.
- Selected for 26<sup>th</sup> Business School Affair & Dewang Mehta National Education Awards (Regional Round-2018) in the category of **Best Professor (English)**.

### ➤ GUIDING PRINCIPLE

“God, grant me serenity to change the things I can, the courage to accept the things I can’t and the wisdom to know the difference.”

### ➤ FAMILY

1. Wife: Sakshi Julka Kundra  
M.A. (English), M.A. (Education), B.Ed. (English & S.St.)  
M.Phil. (English)  
Lecturer in English, Govt. School for Poor and Meritorious Students, Jalandhar
2. Children: Shabd Kundra (Son, 10 years old), Ayra Kundra (Daughter, 3.5 years old) and Anaadi Kundra (Son, 1 year old)
3. Mother: Late Smt. Nirmal, retired as a Nursing Sister (Male Surgical Ward) from Civil Hospital, Jalandhar.
4. Sister-in-Law: Dr. Ruchi (MBBS), working as a Govt. Medical Officer at PHC, Kapoor Pind, Jalandhar.
5. Father & Brother: Businessmen

### ➤ REFERENCES

Name and Designation	Address
Dr. Parminder Singh, Former Professor, English Department, GNDU, Amritsar (My PhD Supervisor) Home Address: Gali No 03, Labh Nagar, Amritsar.	Phone: 09501025030 Email: parminder.s.gndu@gmail.com

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Dr. Namrata Nistandra, Associate Professor, Department of English, Doaba College, Jalandhar (My MPhil Supervisor and College Teacher)	Phone: 09417260074 Email: namratanistandra09@gmail.com

### Some Pictures:

Please find below some of my pictures clicked during my lectures/ 'skill-based teaching':



Invited Lecture at Panjab University Regional Campus, Hoshiarpur





Session on Career Counselling at DAV School, BRS Nagar, Ludhiana



At Rayat-Bahra  
Institute, Hoshiarpur



At DAV School, Gurgaon



At SBBS University, Jalandhar



At Different Educational Institutes



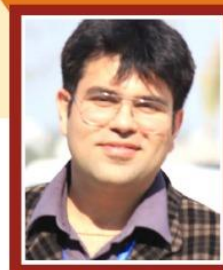
## From Chief Editor's Desk

Under the dynamic leadership and guidance of Padma Shri Dr. Punam Suri ji, our honourable Chancellor Sir, we are committed to making DAV University a top-notch academic institution, and the Year Book-2017-18 is our humble effort to record, highlight and celebrate our creative and constructive efforts in that direction in the session 2017-2018.

This Year Book is dedicated to Skill India: 'Kaushal Bharat, Kushal Bharat', an initiative of the Government of India, which aims to train over 40 crore people in India in different skills by 2022. Different schemes and programmes to promote skill development, such as Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana, Financial Assistance for Skill Training of Persons with Disabilities, National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme, Craftsmen Training Scheme, Apprenticeship Training, Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Kendra, Skill Development for Minorities, and Green Skill Development Programme have given a platform to the country to emerge as the 'human resource capital' of the world. It gives me immense pleasure to mention here that DAV University has been contributing to this Maha Yagya by honing personal as well as professional skills of the students, so that they can become highly-skilled professionals with commitment to ethics and values.

DAV University is one of the most vibrant universities in Punjab, which has established its identity as an excellent centre for learning in socio-cultural contexts through education and edutainment. We believe in the ideal 'democratic' environment of 'learner-fronted' classrooms where we arouse our students' interest to know and explore more through active learning, which is a process whereby students engage in activities, such as reading, writing, discussing, or problem solving that promote analysis, synthesis and evaluation of class content. Since our focus is on the multidimensional growth of our students, we try to strike a perfect balance between curricular and co-curricular activities, theoretical knowledge and practical knowledge, and material requirements and inner peace/contentment. We are committed to providing our students with the best possible learning environment and highest possible standards of support and guidance. We believe that every student matters and deserves a first-class education.

As the chief editor of the first issue of the university year book, I express my gratitude to Dr. Sushma Arya ji, worthy Registrar madam, for reposing her trust in me for carrying out this responsibility. I am thankful to the university authorities for their consistent support and



blessings. This year book could not have seen the light of day without the enthusiasm and unrelenting support of the editorial team. I am grateful to my team members. Special thanks are due to my dear students whose sparkling eyes and cheerful smiles are a source of divine inspiration and encouragement to me.

At DAV University, we celebrate that we are blessed with such beautiful surroundings and wonderful facilities; we celebrate the joy of learning as we develop in mind, body and spirit; and we celebrate the bond that we share with the members of DAV family.

May our joyous celebrations go on more abundantly in the future! May God grant us strength to tread on the path of honesty, dedication and truthfulness, shown by Maharishi Dayanand Saraswati ji and Mahatma Hans Raj ji, in the future also.

The spirit in me honours the spirit in you.

Thanks.

**Dr. Nakul Kundra**  
Head, Dept. of English

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**Chief Editor, University Year Book**



# Book by Sahitya Akademi (Ministry of Culture, Government of India), New Delhi

**The Whirlpool of Riddles**, a book of short stories by Nakul Kundra, captures the inner turmoil of day-to-day human situations as they affect the complexities and subtleties of human relationships. In his work, Kundra explores a range of questions relating to childhood, youth and old age by examining physical, psychological and spiritual themes related to each. Penned during Kundra's college days, *The Whirlpool of Riddles* bears witness to his passion and early struggles to share his mind and heart at a time when his experience did not yet overshadow his innocence. The author dedicates this book to the Supreme Being.

"In the present troubled times torn with conflicts and unpredictable disasters, good stories like all art rejuvenate us, put us back on the track of faith, goodwill and compassion. This is exactly what the stories in this volume do. I hope *The Whirlpool of Riddles* will be thoroughly enjoyed by readers."

—Amita Ray

**Nakul Kundra** (b. 1985) is Assistant Professor of English at DAV University, Jalandhar, Punjab. He completed his PhD from Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar, and has been teaching at DAV University for more than seven years. India's experimental and avant-garde counterculture appeals to him the most for its potentiality as a research topic in the field of Indian Writing. Kundra has published more than ten research papers in reputed national and international journals. At present, he is writing an epistolary novel.



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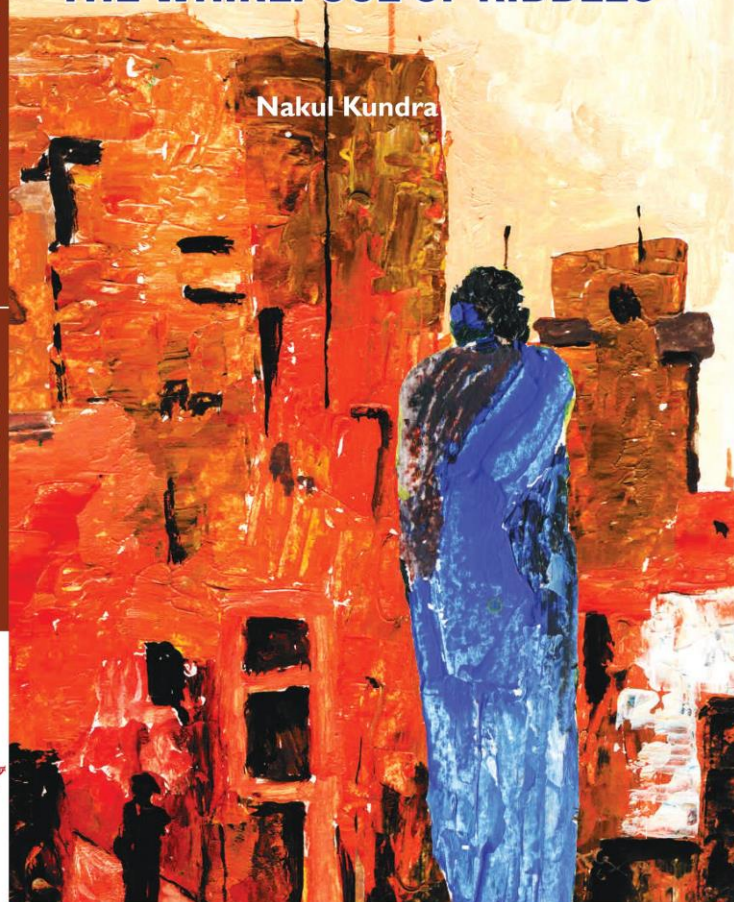
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Dated 3/4/21

Dr. Nakul Kundra  
Coordinator & Assistant Professor  
Department of English  
DAV University  
Jalandhar

### Letter of Appreciation

Dear Dr. Kundra,


Your strenuous efforts to organize "International Conference on Changing Paradigms of Individual and Society: Conflicts, Negotiations and Growth" (31<sup>st</sup> March 2021) are duly acknowledged and appreciated.

You left no stone unturned to make this conference a grand success. Your professionalism, work commitment and management skills are commendable.

I congratulate you on the successful organization of the conference and look forward to your valuable contribution to the university in the future also.

I wish you good luck for your future endeavors.

Best Wishes,

  
Dr. Jasbir Rishi  
Vice-Chancellor

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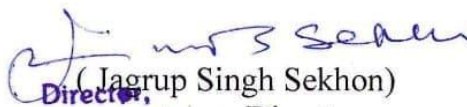
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All India Services Pre-Examination Training Centre**

### TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

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Dated 16-6-2011

This is to certify that Mr. Nakul Kundra, Research Fellow in English Department, G.N.D.U., Amritsar was part of the guest faculty of this centre from 25 April, 2011 to 15 June, 2011. He provided coaching for U.G.C. (NET), June, 2011 in the subject of English (Optional).

His work has been highly appreciated by our students.

  
(Jagrup Singh Sekhon)  
Director,  
All India Services Pre-Examination Training Centre  
Guru Nanak Dev University,  
Amritsar.



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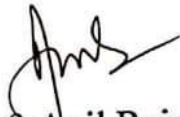
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### COMMENDATION CERTIFICATE (2007-2008)

Granted to Mr. Nakul Kundra S/O Naresh Kumar, student of  
M.AII, Roll No. 55 in recognition of his exceptionally good work as a  
member of The Three Hundred Literary Society (English Department,  
Panjab University, Chandigarh).

  
(Prof. Anil Raina)  
Chairperson  
Dept. of English  
P.U., Chandigarh

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Granted to... Nakul Kundra S/O Sh Naresh Kundra .....

ਜੀ/ਥੀ N.C 118- Kot Kishan Chabd, Jalandhar.

Son of/ਪੁਤ੍ਰ/ਪੱਤਰ - ..... resident of/ਨਿਵਾਸੀ/ਨਿਵਾਸੀ ..... Village/ਗਾਂਵ/ਪਿੰਡ

..... Police Station/ਥਾਨਾ/ਥਾਣਾ ..... District/ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹਾ/ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹਾ

in recognition of } Done exceptionally good work to foster good Police ਰੂਪ ਮੇਂ ਪ੍ਰਸ਼ਾਨ ਕੀਯਾ ਜਾਵਾ ਹੈ

ਸੇਵਾਜ਼ੋਂ ਕੀ ਸਾਧਨਾ } Community relation ਸੁਧਾਰਨ ਅਤੇ

ਸੇਵਾਵਾਂ ਦੀ ਸਾਧਨਾ } render social service ਦਿੱਤੀ ਜਾਵੀ ਹੈ

Dated: ..... the year 2002-03 vide Superintendent of Police

ਤਾਰੀਖ/ਮਿਤੀ 6.5.03. order No. 6501-02/R dt. ਪੁਲਿਸ ਅਫ਼ਸਰ/ਸੁਪਰੀਟੈਂਡੈਂਟ ਪੁਲਿਸ

Notes—(1) If a Police Officer, add rank and number in line 1. (2) Cash reward, if any, to be specified.

ਨੋਟ—(1) ਪੁਲਿਸ ਅਫ਼ਸਰ ਕੀ ਥਾਵਤ ਮੇਂ ਪਹਲੀ ਲਾਈਨ ਮੇਂ ਰਾਜਕਾ ਨੰਬਰ ਤਥਾ ਸਾਹੁਵਾ ਲਿਖੋ । (2) ਧਨਿਕ ਰਵਾਨਾ

ਹੋ, ਤੋ ਰਾਜਕਾ ਪੁਰ ਖ਼ਯੋਰਾ ਕੀਯਾ ਜਾਏ ।

ਨੋਟ—(1) ਜੇ ਪੁਲਿਸ ਅਫ਼ਸਰ ਹੋਵੇ ਤਾਂ ਪਹਿਲੀ ਲਾਈਨ ਵਿਚ ਉਸ ਦਾ ਨੰਬਰ ਤੇ ਅਹੁਦਾ ਲਿਖੋ । (2) ਨਕਦ ਇਨਾਮ ਦੀ ਸੁਰਤ

ਵਿਚ ਉਸ ਦਾ ਵੇਰਵਾ ਦਿਤਾ ਜਾਵੇ ।

# Appreciation

## REWARDS

Form No. 15-3 (A)

PUNJAB POLICE

## COMMENDATION CERTIFICATE

Class-I

Granted to Mr. Nakul (Student) in recognition to his  
contribution towards traffic awareness.

  
Inspector General of Police  
Jalandhar.

Order No. 5921/S/IGP/Z  
dated 1.7.2001.

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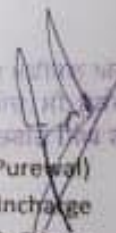
Inspector General of Police  
Zonal, Jalandhar.



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### Commendation Certificate

This certificate is issued to Mr. Nakul Kundra, Assistant Professor and NCC Incharge at ASSM College, in recognition of his commendable assistance to the staff members of Community Health Centre (Mukandpur) for the success of the Pulse Polio Immunization Programme, held on 19<sup>th</sup> Feb. 2012.

  
(Dr. Jaswinder Purewal)  
SMO Incharge  
Community Health Centre  
Mukandpur  
SBS Nagar